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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT
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Dear School Nurse or Administrator,

The office of Laboratory Improvement periodically contacts professionals to inform and update them on the regulations relating to laboratory testing. The Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 42CFR493 (CLIA) is a Federal program that regulates all laboratory testing performed for the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of any disease, or assessment of health of human beings. In your school setting this service may include: glucose testing performed *or interpreted* by you, urine dipstick testing for glucose, protein, or other chemistries, or any test that is performed on-site that uses whole blood, serum, urine, or feces. If the patient/student performs the test without any assistance, a certificate is not required.

If you are currently conducting any laboratory testing or wish to begin testing and do not have a valid CLIA certificate, you should call this office to obtain an application form. The application form requests information about the proposed laboratory, the type of facility, and ownership. This regulation is applicable to all facilities whether there is a charge for the service or not. The Laboratory Improvement Program staff is available to assist you with the application process: therefore, you are encouraged to call this office to discuss the completion of the form with one of the following staff members.

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Sincerely,

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